



**Chelsea Public Schools
School Committee**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**There will be a Regular Meeting of the
Chelsea School Committee on**

Thursday, March 24, 2022

At 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is **closed** to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will
be live streamed for the public at:

Chelsea Cable TV, and

<https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/>

Agenda is available online at the Chelsea Public Schools website:

<https://www.chelseaschools.com/>

Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email
superintendent@chelseaschools.com to receive the Zoom Link and instructions.
You can also choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the
same email. Public Comments can in addition be telephoned in and will be read into
the record at 617-466-4456.





School Committee

There will be a regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda. The meeting is **closed** in order to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be livestreamed for the public at Chelsea cable TV and, <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/>

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 3, 2022 and the Public Hearing on March 10, 2022. (Enclosure A)
4. **Public Comment:** Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email superintendent@chelseaschools.com to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can also be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.
5. **Presentations: None**
6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**
 - Student Representative Update:**
 - Committee Reports:** Curriculum & Instruction (Enclosure B)
 - Budget & Finance (Enclosure C)
 - Human Resources (Enclosure D)
7. **Unfinished Business: None**
8. **New Business:**
 - Consideration and Action to forgo School Choice for the 2022-2023 School Year. *Item #:* 22SC49 (Enclosure E)

Explanation: Under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 12B, every year the district must decide on school choice. Dr. Abeyta recommends forgoing school choice in order to have seats for Chelsea students.

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- Consideration and action to accept the recommendation of the School Superintendent and approve the following line-item amounts from the General Fund for the 2022-2023 School Budget totaling \$118,236,617. *Item #:* 22SC50 (Enclosure F)

| 2022-2023 Annual School Budget Summary | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2021-2022 Adopted | 2022-2023 Proposed |
| General Fund Revenue | | |
| Chapter 70 State Aid | \$81,364,893 | \$90,146,093 |
| Local Contribution-City of Chelsea | \$27,140,524 | \$28,090,524 |
| Total General Fund Revenue | \$108,515,417 | \$118,236,617 |
| General Fund Expenses | | |
| District Administration | \$3,200,610 | \$3,542,051 |
| Instruction & Assessment | \$1,939,750 | \$1,998,395 |
| Equity & Wellness | <i>New FY2023</i> | \$707,741 |
| Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services | \$16,101,676 | \$17,763,295 |
| Benefits, Payroll Adjustments, Insurance | \$18,286,409 | \$18,032,832 |
| Facilities Management & Transportation | \$13,335,477 | \$14,972,791 |
| Technology Services | \$3,341,687 | \$3,416,284 |
| The John Silber Early Learning Center | \$6,774,887 | \$7,528,429 |
| William A. Berkowitz Elementary School | \$4,044,225 | \$4,421,139 |
| Edgar F. Hooks Elementary School | \$4,030,715 | \$4,374,686 |
| George F. Kelly Elementary School | \$3,867,931 | \$4,323,249 |
| Frank M. Sokolowski Elementary School | \$4,153,229 | \$4,586,906 |
| Joseph A. Browne Middle School | \$4,340,575 | \$5,113,177 |
| Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School | \$5,434,944 | \$6,070,037 |
| Eugene Wright Science & Technology Academy | \$4,703,654 | \$5,299,080 |
| Chelsea High School | \$12,183,117 | \$13,117,199 |
| Chelsea Opportunity Academy | \$1,073,302 | \$1,139,442 |
| Other Educational Programs | \$1,693,229 | \$1,829,884 |
| Total General Fund Expenses | \$108,515,417 | \$118,236,617 |

Explanation: The annual school budget must be approved by the School Committee prior to April 1 of each year pursuant to the City Charter and after a public hearing is held to provide an opportunity to hear public comment on the budget. The School Committee has the authority to approve budgets under State Law and the City Charter.

- Consideration and Action to accept \$200,000 for FY2022 from DESE for the Accelerating Literacy Learning with High-Quality Instructional Materials grant. *Item #:* 22SC51 (Enclosure G)

Explanation: The purpose of this grant is to equip schools and districts with high-quality instructional materials that are needed to accelerate literacy learning as schools recover from extended closures and students require rich instructional support to accelerate their learning. Funds will be used to purchase high-quality core instructional materials for grades K-5.

- Consideration and Action to accept \$200,000 for FY2022 from DESE for the Gateway City Grants for High Quality, Intensive English Language Learning Program grant. *Item #:* 22SC52 (Enclosure H)

Explanation: The purpose of this grant is to help Gateway school districts implement new and innovative supports for English Language Education programs. Funds will be used to invest in written materials in languages other than English, including school library books, classroom texts, and take-home books for students at the Early Learning Center, the Kelly School, and the Browne School in addition, funds will be available for stipends, and other supplies and materials in support of the program.

- Consideration and Action to approve a budget transfer in the amount of **up to** \$1.725 million to move funds from Benefits & Payroll Adjustments, Other Educational Programs, and four schools to Facilities & Transportation. *Item #:* 22SC53 (Enclosure I)

Explanation: This transfer will move savings from Benefits & Payroll Adjustments, Other Educational Programs, the Early Learning Center, Berkowitz Elementary School, Hooks Elementary School, and Clark Avenue Middle School to Facilities and Transportation to continue to fund one-time building improvements, furniture, and other building-related projects.

- Consideration and Action to approve the updated Crossing Guard Paid Holidays. *Item #:* 22SC54 (Enclosure J)

Explanation: The crossing guard contract was missing Juneteenth as a paid holiday. All amendments must be approved by the School Committee.

- Mr. Jimenez-Rivera moves to accept the Chelsea Public Schools Calendar for School Year 2022-2023. *Item #:* 21SC55 (Enclosure K)

9. Communications: None

10. Announcements:

11. Adjournment:

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